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1. DURING AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH MOBIL CHAIRMAN RAWLEIGH WARNER, HE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE CHIEF INSTIGATOR OF HIGH WORLD OIL PRICES WAS THE SHAH. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PROUD AND SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE IRANIAN MONARCH, WARNER THOUGHT IT USELESS TO TRY PRESSURE TACTICS AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DURING RECENT TRAVELS OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DROP IN ON THE SHAH WHO, HE THOUGHT, WAS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SUCH AN ATTENTION. PERIODIC INVITATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SHAH TO VISIT WASHINGTON, IN MR. WARNER'S OPINION, WERE NOT SUFFICIENT. HE REALIZED THE GREAT DEMANDS UPON THE SECRETARY'S TIME BUT THOUGHT THAT AT SOME FUTURE DATE (NOT TOO FAR OFF) A VISIT TO TEHRAN COULD YIELD WIDESPREADING RESULTS.

2. WARNER SAID EXPLICITLY HE HAD IN MIND THE CURRENT RIVALRY BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN AND THE SHAH'S PIQUE AT WHAT HE CONSTRUED TO BE MORE INTIMATE OVERTURES TOWARD HIS RIVAL THAN
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TOWARD HIMSELF. WARNER CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "THE SHAH FEELS

LONELY."
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